

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 are amended. The amendments to claims 1-9 are made solely for the sake of clarity, and support for the amendments can be found in original claims 1-9. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3-9 contain allowable subject matter. For the reasons set forth herein, Applicants submit that each of claims 1-9 should be allowed.

Double Patenting Rejection

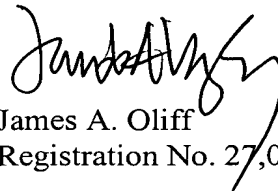
The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants submit that the terminal disclaimer filed herewith obviates the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer

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